

*Total Respondents:* 1.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Total Responses:* 1.  
*Average Time Per Response:* 6 hours.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2.  
*Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance):* \$300.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

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*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements".

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0039.

3. How often the collection is required: As necessary in order for NRC to meet its responsibilities called for in Section 170 and 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act).

4. Who is required or asked to report: Licensees authorized to operate reactor facilities in accordance with 10 CFR part 50 and licensees authorized to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility in accordance with 10 CFR parts 40 and 70.

5. The number of annual respondents: Approximately 178.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 821.

7. Abstract: 10 CFR part 140 of the NRC's regulations specified information

required to be submitted by licensees to enable the NRC to assess (a) the financial protection required of licensees and for the indemnification and limitation of liability of certain licensees and other persons pursuant to Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and (b) the liability insurance required of uranium enrichment facility licensees pursuant to Section 193 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Submit, by March 20, 2000, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of January 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362]

### Southern California Edison Company; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15 issued to Southern California Edison Company (SCE, the licensee) for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendments would revise the SONGS Units 2 and 3 Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.6, "Condensate Storage Tank (CST T-121 and T-120)" to change the minimum inventory of water maintained in the condensate storage tank (T-120) from 280,000 gallons to 360,000 gallons during plant operation Modes 1, 2 and 3.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The purpose of the increased water volume is to ensure that the required volume of water preserved by Technical Specification 3.7.6 is sufficient to meet the San Onofre Units 2 and 3 Licensing and Design Basis. To meet the guidance of Reactor Systems Branch Technical Position RSB-5-1, the Southern